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REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 13 MAY 2019

REPORT ON: CAIRD PARK ACCESS ROADS, DUNDEE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)

ORDER 2019

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 180-2019

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report considers the necessity to restrict road access to pedestrians and cycles only at three access points utilising the powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the preparation of a prohibition of driving order to prohibit vehicles driving over short lengths of access roads within Caird Park.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 It is proposed that the total cost of implementing these proposals is estimated at £4,500 to be met from the Regional Performance Centre for Sport capital fund.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following the approved planning application for the Regional Performance Centre for Sport, a request was made from within the application to promote all vehicular access to the centre from Claverhouse Road.
- 4.2 In order to promote vehicular access to the centre from Claverhouse Road, it is necessary to prevent vehicular access over short lengths of road within the park which will prevent access from Forfar Road (A90) to the east and Kingsway (A90) to the south. Swing gates will be installed at these prohibited points which can be opened for emergency purposes, or for the servicing of the centre/park.
- 4.3 Prohibiting vehicular movement from the south and east will promote road safety as data has shown an inappropriate mean speed of 28mph on Mains Loan on the access which is limited to 10mph under Dundee City Council Management Rules Regulating Parks, Open Spaces and Places of Public Resort or Recreation.
- 4.4 Road improvements were undertaken on Claverhouse Road to accommodate additional vehicles turning into and out of Caird Park. Additional improvements have also been made to the north access road into Caird Park to accommodate larger vehicular flows.
- 4.5 Prohibiting driving over these short lengths of road will also prevent the possibility of vehicles using the park as a rat run to avoid the signalised junction of Forfar Road/Kingsway which will in turn promote road safety within the park.
- 4.6 Access will be maintained for pedestrians and cycles over these lengths of road.
- 4.7 The main plans with the proposals can be accessed online at the weblink: https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/service-area/city-development/roads-and-transportation/traffic-orders-2019. A paper copy can also be made available on request from the Head of Roads and Transportation.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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